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**OPERATION STREETSWEEPER**

**MANCHESTER WOMAN SENTENCED  
ON CRACK COCAINE CHARGES**

**CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE:** United States Attorney Tom Colantuono and Manchester Police Chief John Jaskolka announced that Joyce Placido, age 45, of Manchester, New Hampshire was sentenced today in United States District Court in Concord, New Hampshire for conspiracy to distribute cocaine base ("Crack").

Chief Judge Paul Barbadoro ordered Placido to be imprisoned for two years and to be on supervised release for three years.

Placido pleaded guilty on March 20, 2003. The defendant was indicted as part of Operation Streetsweeper, a federally funded law enforcement effort to target and prosecute street level drug dealers in federal court.

In commenting on the case United States Attorney Colantuono stated, "Helping the Manchester Police Department rid the streets of crack dealers is a high priority for this office. If you sell crack in New Hampshire, you are going to prison."

The case was investigated by the Manchester Police Department with the assistance of the New Hampshire State Police Forensic Laboratory. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Clyde R. W. Garrigan.